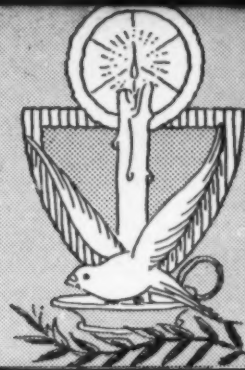


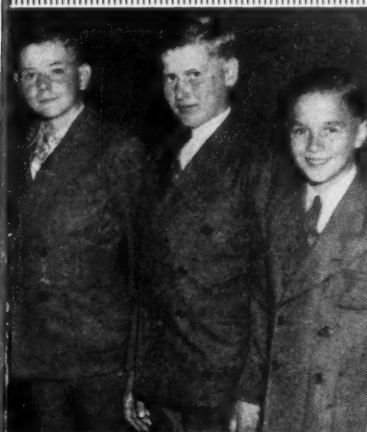
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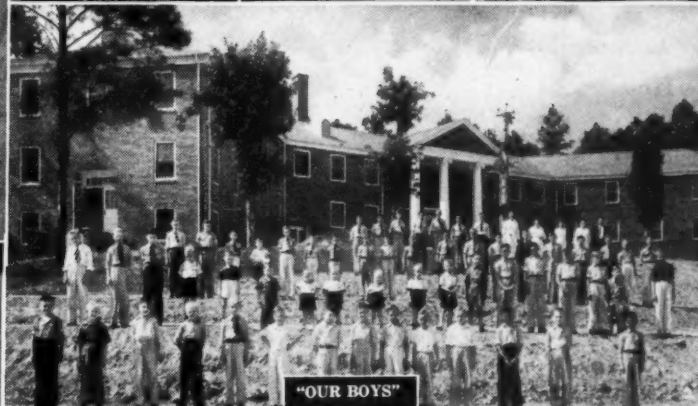
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In the Field of Books

REVIEW BY F. R. HARRAWOOD

Pastor of North Cleveland (Tenn.) Church

"*Sermons On Old and New Testament Characters*," by Rev. Clovis G. Chappell, D. D., is a combination of two volumes that year after year have gone through repeated editions but now have been arranged in one book containing thirty-two of Dr. Chappell's most telling messages.

"*More Sermons on Biblical Characters*" by the same author is a second series of his masterpieces on the great men and women of the Bible. In the two books the author uses almost four hundred pages and forty-eight subjects in presenting the life of the different Bible characters in a unique and evangelistic manner that is educational and inspiring to the reader.

Many pastors for their own inspiration and soul food try to read at least one good book a week, and to such the above books will meet your demands.

We list a few of the subject titles:

"The Lure of the Wilderness—Jeremiah," "The Mayor's Wife—Lot's Wife," "A Woman's Wrongs—Hagar," "The Forks of the Road—Moses," "The Angelic Devil—Balaam," "The Ox Driver—Shamgar," "The Fighting Farmer—Gideon," "The Self-Made Fool—Saul," "The Deserter—Demas," "White Feathers—Mark," "The Prodigal Wife—Gomer," "A Full Man—Stephen," "The Painted Face—Jezebel," "The Field Preacher—The Lily," and "The Starvation Committee—The Four Lepers."

"*Astounding New Discoveries*" by Rev. Karl G. Sabiers, M. A., is a one-hundred-and-seventy-five-page book of 70,000 words, in which the author presents the astounding discoveries made by a famous scientist and scholar who claims to have spent from twelve to eighteen hours daily for the past fifty years in finding these profound facts.

For those who are interested in the study of the "numeric value" of the Hebrew and Greek languages, there is possibly no book offered today that will give more information than this one. The book is endorsed by a number of outstanding Bible students of today, and claims a sales average of more than 1,000 each day.

"*Crucifying Christ in Our Colleges*" by Dan Gilbert, with the collaboration of students of four universities, is a book of two hundred and thirty pages, that should be read by every taxpayer in America. The author writes from his own

observation and experience and not hearsay. Citing the various textbooks that are used in the different universities, and giving quotations from them, he clearly and convincingly shows how the faith of many of our college students is destroyed by the cunning craftiness of professors who teach that religion, morality, and a sense of duty are the enemies of life—shackles which strangle the soul and preclude the full expression of the individual personality—giving the testimony of young men and girls who completed high school with faith in God and as supporters of His Church but completed college as moral and spiritual wrecks with no faith in either God or man; while others who before completing college found themselves robbed of their virtues and hope of eternity have ended it all by self-destruction. Mothers and fathers who have children planning to attend college should read this book, and remember that all schools are not of this type and seek one of the few that are still true to the faith of our fathers and the true code of moral and spiritual ethics as taught by the Bible.

My Sermonette

FLORENCE SCHUMAKER

"Wherefore think ye evil in your hearts?" Matthew 9:4.

Yes, those are the words of the matchless Son of God! You do not think evil in your heart? Listen to Jer. 6:19: "Hear, O earth, behold, I will bring evil upon this people, even the fruit of their thoughts."

There is a verse that makes me tremble, and that is Mark 12:30. "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and all thy strength: this is the first commandment." Yet Jesus said, "Wherefore think ye evil in your hearts?" The same mind can only have good thoughts or bad thoughts at the same time.

During the last hour, have you thought more about Him than anything else? "Wherefore think ye evil in your hearts?" "And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth,

and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually." Gen. 6:5. Ah, beloved, let us prayerfully watch our every thought. At the first suggestion of evil let us pick up the Sword of the Spirit even as Jesus did, and say as He said, "It is written thou shalt—."

All will be lost if we do not even try. The greater the conflict, the greater the reward. "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life." Rev. 2:10. "Keep thy heart with all diligence, for out of it are the issues of life." Proverbs 4:23.

The best way to keep weeds out is to plant something and cultivate it. In order to keep evil thoughts out, let us diligently put in good thoughts; let us meditate on His law day and night.

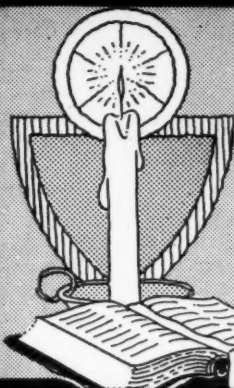
There is a tale of a man who went to his king and said, "O king, I have evil thoughts continually in my heart. How can I be delivered of them?" The king summoned a courtier and instructed him to fill a large bowl with oil and to place it upon the man's head. The man was told to walk about the city for three days without spilling a drop of the oil. Carelessness of that sort would cost him his life. The man left the palace, followed by an attendant carrying a drawn sword. The three tortuous days finally passed and the man returned to the palace unharmed. The king asked him how many bad thoughts he had had during the last three days. The man had had none. His thoughts were so intent upon the bowl that he never thought of anything else. "Remember this lesson," said the king. "Set your mind on something worthwhile, and no evil thoughts can enter." "Take my will, and make it thine; It shall be no longer mine. Take my heart, it is thine own; It shall be thy royal throne."

Let us look to Him who said, "If you shall ask anything in my name, I will do it." John 14:14. He will give beauty for ashes. Meditation upon Him will reflect His image like the story of the Great Stone Face. Study an elderly person's face and see what is reflected from the heart. The thoughts we have kept concealed stand revealed in our old age.

NOTE: Because of the illness of Sister Schumaker, this will end "My Sermonette" column until she has fully recovered.

Spirituality is a combination of all the Christian graces filling the soul.

No person has ever been led by the Spirit who at the same time was constantly being driven by the devil or dominated by self.



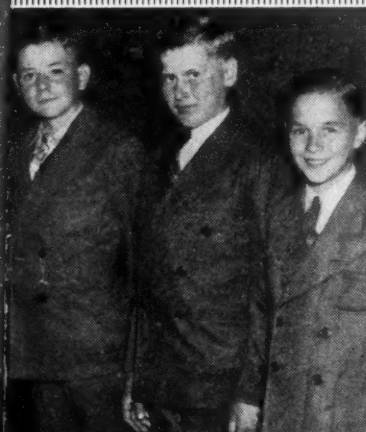
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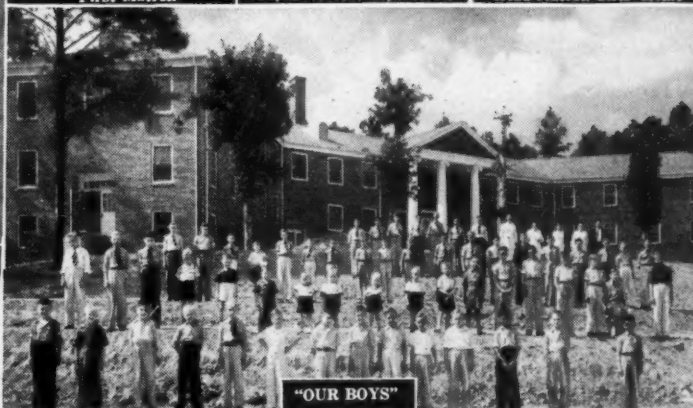
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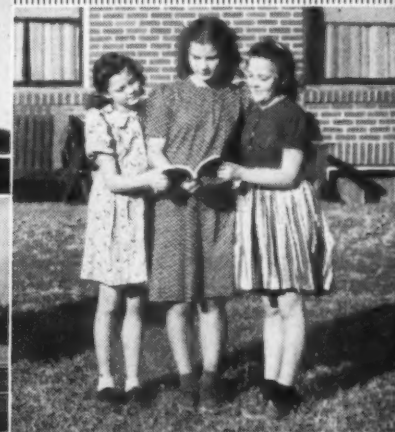
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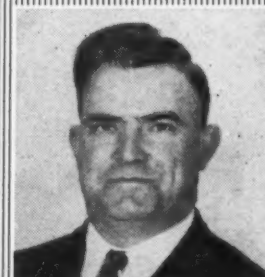
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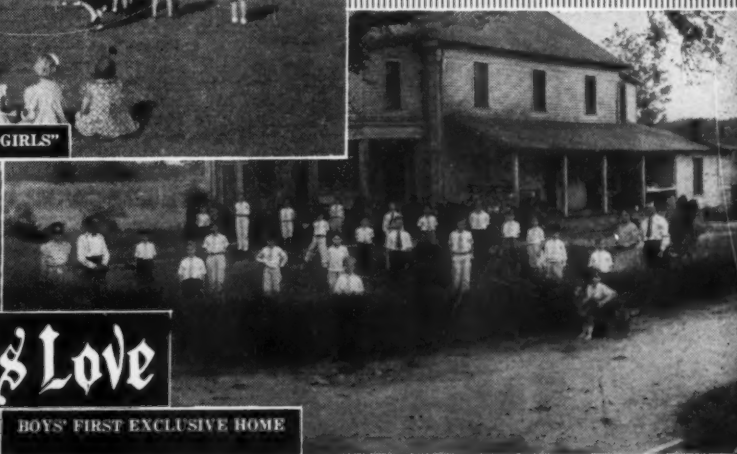
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NOTICES

TELEGRAM

Wonderful convention at Rock Hill, S. C. Mission offering over \$300 with six churches; last year \$125 with eleven churches.—M. P. Cross.

Important!

All ministers carrying group insurance with the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company through the Church who have been inducted into the service of the United States Army or Navy will please write to the General Secretary, E. J. Boehmer, Cleveland, Tenn, immediately, as it will be necessary for you to change your insurance.—J. H. Walker, General Overseer.

Changes of address of ministers and workers:

B. R. Huguen—Old: 421 Pulliam St., S. W., Atlanta, Ga. New: 189 Woodward Ave., S. W., Atlanta, Ga.

H. D. Williams, overseer of Oklahoma—New: Box 55, Maud, Okla.

To all my friends: Please accept this method of response to your many cards and letters which I appreciate more than words can express. My general health is fair, but due to the fact that I am cripple, I have been unable to work this winter, but hope to be able to resume my work in the spring. I enjoy getting letters from you any time.—Mrs. Etta Newman, Kollola Springs, Miss.

Editor's Note: Sister Newman is one of our retired ministers and a widow of the late Rev. W. M. Newman, whose name is always associated with the singing of "Come, Let Us Go Home."

I am a Christian worker, and if I am not asking too much, I would like to ask the readers of the Evangel for back numbers of both the Evangel and the Lighted Pathway for free distribution and I'll certainly appreciate it.—H. M. Fowler, Dyersburg, Tenn.

SCHEDULE

State Conventions and Camp Meetings

Arizona—May 1-3.

California—May 8-10.

Colored Assembly — Camp Meeting, May 10-17.

North Georgia Camp Meeting—May 7-17.

Wash., Ore., Idaho—May 15-17.

Montana—May 22-24.

Washington, D. C.—May 22-24.

Western Canada—May 29-31.

Illinois—June 5-7; camp meeting, May 28-June 7.

Florida—June 5-6; camp meeting,

June 4-14.

West Virginia—June 12-14.

South Georgia camp meeting—June 5-14.

Indiana—June 12-14.

Arkansas—June 19-21.

Virginia—June 19-21.

Ohio—June 19-21.

Mississippi—June 26-28.

Tennessee—June 26-28.

Minnesota, Wisconsin—June 26-28.

N. Dak., S. Dak., Wyo.—July 3-5; camp meeting, June 25-July 5.

Kentucky—July 3-5; camp meeting, June 25-July 5.

Louisiana—July 3-5; camp meeting, June 25-July 5.

Iowa—July 10-12; camp meeting, July 2-12.

Oklahoma—July 10-12; camp meeting, July 6-12.

South Carolina—July 10-12.

Michigan—July 17-19.

North Carolina—July 17-19.

Kansas, Nebraska—July 17-19.

Alabama—July 24-26; camp meeting, July 20-26.

Pennsylvania—July 24-26; camp meeting, July 16-26.

Missouri—July 24-26; camp meeting, July 16-26.

Maryland, Delaware—July 31-Aug. 2; camp meeting, July 23-Aug. 2.

N. Mex., Colo., Utah—July 31-Aug. 2.

Texas—Aug. 7-9; camp meeting, Aug.

CALLING ALL CHURCHES

Easter Sunday, Only One Week Off, April 5th

Remember the Orphans With a Liberal Offering

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N. Y., N. J., Conn., R. I.—Aug. 7-9. Georgia—Aug. 14-16; camp meeting, Aug. 10-16.

Me., Vt., N. H., Mass.—Aug. 14-16; camp meeting, Aug. 6-16.

Mexico convention to be held in Mexico City, April 14-22.

The Montana and Wyoming states convention will convene in the Civic Center in Lewistown, Mont., May 22-24. We are looking forward to the best convention we have ever had. We are looking for several out-of-state ministers. Everybody is welcome. Montana is coming to the front. The good ministers have decided that we can put it over. Come one, come all. Entertainment will be free as far as possible. — John Sharp, overseer of Montana and Wyoming, Box 174, Harlowton, Mont.

Nothing man ever had in his possession, useful and important as it was, has caused him so much trouble and cost him as many tears as his tongue.

A Wonderful Record

By E. L. SIMMONS

The Church of God Orphanage has a wonderful health record to its account. It has now been in operation approximately twenty-two years. Many of the little fellows, with neither father or mother, have been brought up within her tender embrace. Their physical, moral, and spiritual training has been far superior to the average child with father and mother. Even children with Christian fathers and mothers do not have the religious training afforded these who seem to be less fortunate.

In this score of years crowds of children have been received into the Home from many different states. They have grown into manhood and womanhood and been dismissed. Many have married and have been absorbed into a higher plane of social living than they would have had their parents lived.

The health record of the Home has been

wonderful. There have been only two deaths in the Home since its beginning. One child was an invalid when she was brought to the Home, and was the first child to be brought to the Home. The other was very ill when he was brought to the Home and never recovered. None of the dreaded, contagious diseases, such as typhoid fever, diphtheria, scarlet fever, infantile paralysis, etc., have ever visited the home. Physicians have stated at different times that they know of no other home that has such a record for health as the Church of God Orphanage.

The children of the Orphanage are represented among the better citizenship of today. Many of them have graduated from high school and from Bible School, are good Sunday school teachers and ministers' wives, and many of them are accomplished musicians and are doing a great work in different states.

Pure Religion

By Rev. Russell Huff

We wish to write a few lines concerning our orphanage work, looking at it from a Biblical standpoint. This is truly a worthy cause, for which we are attempting to write, and indeed a needful one. Many people living in their comfortable homes, with their families well, preparing a good meal, seeing all able to partake of wholesome food, seeing their bodies thrive, knowing they are well clothed and schooled, and surrounded by pleasant environments, may not feel the need of having and maintaining an institution of this kind.

Psa. 41:1 says, "Blessed is he that considereth the poor: the Lord will deliver him in time of trouble."

"Well," you may say, "what does this scripture have to do with maintaining an orphanage?" Who would be considered any more in that class than children left in this world without father and mother? We are now living in a heartless age. It seems so easy for people to turn the needy from their door, as much as to say, "Be thou clothed and fed," but in James 1: 27 we find a scripture that reads like this: "Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world." This scripture doesn't mean a visit just to say, "I'm sorry you haven't any food or clothes." Matt. 25:35-40, "For I was an hungred, and you gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: naked and ye clothed me . . . Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink? When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee? . . . and the king shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these . . . ye have done it unto me."

We may feel sometimes that if we could do something to make a show to the world, we would be glad to do that, but what would be a greater monument to our labors and godly living than to erect and maintain homes where the unfortunate children can be sheltered from the storms of life, both spiritually, natu-

rally, and brought up to love and serve the Lord? that when they have reached the years of maturity they will be honorable and respectable citizens, and some may be carrying the gospel to this sin-cursed world.

We have, I'm sorry to say, people living in Christian America, yes, and I will even dare to bring it closer than that, some in our own ranks, who will allow themselves to say, "I never worry about the orphanage work. The orphans are better taken care of than our children are." Of course, the ones we have are provided for through God-loving and God-fearing people, but what about the other precious little children that are homeless, and reaching helpless little hands to us?

Proverbs 19:17, "He that hath pity upon the poor, lendeth unto the Lord; and that which he hath given will he pay him again."

God has promised a rich reward for all that we sacrifice for Him, and in relieving the oppressed.

Proverbs 21:13, "Whoso stoppeth his ears at the cry of the poor, he shall also cry himself, but shall not be heard."

We also find another scripture in Psa. 10:14, "The poor committeth himself unto thee; thou art the helper of the fatherless."

So you see by reading the Word of God, this is our responsibility. We, as Christians, are obligated to do all we can to provide food and shelter for the fatherless.

Isa. 58:7, "Is it not to deal thy bread to the hungry, and that thou bring the poor that is cast out to thy house? when



thou seest the naked, that thou cover him; and that thou hide not thyself from thine own flesh?"

Job 29:12, 13, "Because I delivered the poor that cried, and the fatherless, and him that had none to help him. The blessing of him that was ready to perish came upon me; and I caused the widow's heart to sing for joy."

If you have ever visited a home where sat a poor little frail widowed mother, with her precious little children gathered around her looking to her for food and shelter, which she could not provide, and you could tell her there is a home and food provided for her darling children,

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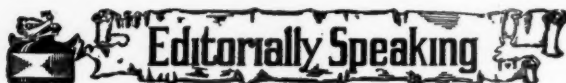
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LITTLE CHILDREN

THE subject of child care and child welfare is a very old one, for every generation since the beginning people have realized that the oncoming generation depended on the youth of the one then existing. The harvest of the second generation is always planted in the present and for this reason its care and welfare is of great concern, for if the planting and cultivation is not right, the harvest will be very poor.

When Pharaoh's daughter had found the child Moses by her bathing place at the river Nile, she directed the mother who had been called as nurse for the child, "Take this child away, and nurse it for me, and I will give thee thy wages." To have the privilege of bringing up her own child would have been wages enough for this glad-hearted mother, but all the more had she then known that he would be the deliverer of Israel, to lead them out of bondage into the glorious land of liberty that God had prepared for them. Much in the same way and manner those who take part in the rearing of young children, especially those who have no provision made for them, will receive wages. Opportunities constantly present themselves to us where we can do our part in helping to care for the offsprings of those less fortunate than ourselves or for those who have been left fatherless.

Written into the law of judgment as God gave it to Moses, this commandment against crimes committed against humanity was given: Exod. 22:21, 22, "Thou shalt neither vex a stranger, nor oppress him: for ye were strangers in the land of Egypt. Ye shall not afflict any widow, or fatherless child." Viewing then the law of offences which men were forbidden to afflict against the fatherless child, they certainly would have been under obligation to help such a one.

Though nothing seems to have been said by Jesus Himself regarding the fatherless and motherless, He did take a great deal

of interest in children, for when they were brought unto Him, that He should put His hands on them and pray, and His disciples rebuked the people for so doing, Jesus said, "Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven." Such a declaration clearly shows that little children were emblematic of the constituency of heaven. Many years after Christ had laid His hand upon the children and blessed them and had taken a little child in His arms, lifting it up as an example and declaring "whosoever shall receive one of such children in my name, receiveth me: and whosoever shall receive me, receiveth not me but him that sent me," the Apostle James took up the slogan of pure and undefiled religion and said, James 1:27, "Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world." One of the requirements then of the Christian is that he visit the widows and fatherless.

Such visits cannot always be made in person but with the proper inquiry one may always find a channel through which visitation can be made. In the last great day when the Son of God shall return to earth and all nations are gathered before Him for judgment and He says unto those who are placed on His left hand, "Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels: . . . I was a stranger, and ye took me not in: naked, and ye clothed me not: sick, and in prison, and ye visited me not," He will have no reference to a personal visitation having been made by those to whom He is speaking and upon whom He is pronouncing judgment, but will explain to them, "Verily I say unto you, inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not unto me." Yes, it is in the manifestation of our love and hospitality to others that we show our love to and for the Christ of Calvary.

The woman hired by Pharaoh's daughter to take the child Moses away and nurse it, bringing it up for her, not only received the wages which were given to her for the daily task, but received a wage unexplainable in seeing her son become the great mediator between God and Israel, and the great general which led Israel out from under bondage. The result of the task was not such as affected only the children of Israel but all nations, for it was through this channel that the Christ of Calvary was brought to earth, not for the Jews only but for all who would accept His salvation. The same great text and a promise of wages (reward) is extended down to those of us who are willing to do as the mother who took the baby from the basket of bulrushes to nurse it and rear it for Pharaoh's daughter. It is

the task of the Church of God to rear orphan boys and girls, bringing them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord and each of us has a part in that work.

A Great Crisis Yes, that is what we are facing. Everybody seems to think so. But what of it and what is meant by crisis anyway? We have recently learned that "crisis" in Chinese is made up of the characters for "danger" and "opportunity." Perhaps the Chinese definition is a good one for us, for with every crisis, regardless of danger, there are opportunities.



REV. AND MRS. L. C. CHAMBERS

The children in the picture are Hulett Weaver of Calhoun, Ga., Mabel Peterson of Middletown, Ohio, and Lee Elrod of Cleveland, Tenn.

Brother and Sister Chambers were for years in charge of the orphanage work. Miss Peterson, the little girl at Brother Chambers' right, is now a mature young lady, a devout Christian, and an accomplished pianist. She is making her home with Rev. and Mrs. D. B. Yow of East Chattanooga, Tenn.

Facts About Orphanage Work

While there have been few, if any, books written that give the history of orphanage work, from the standpoint of the different churches, yet it is a known fact that all religious bodies, both Protestant and Catholic,



have always felt the responsibility of caring for children who have been left homeless. Not only have churches seen the need of such work but the outstanding fraternal orders have as one feature of their work the care of those who

are made orphans by the death of their members, and some of the leading citizens of our nation were raised in these homes. The number who have been trained and educated in these homes goes into the thousands.

It has been said that George Muller, who through faith in God built homes on Ashley Down, in Bristol, England, that would accommodate 2,000 children and cared for 9,975 orphans, received a million and a half in money by prayer and faith alone. He received the inspiration to start such a great work from staying in an orphan house that had been built by one A. H. Franke who trusted God for means to build and support it in the 17th century. Muller prayed that God would help him to do something that he might prove that God still lives, and on Dec. 11, 1835, he received his first offering, which was one shilling, from a poor missionary. The second offering was also a shilling, and then a large wardrobe next, but soon a large house was rented and the first of the Muller Homes was opened with thirty orphan girls. At the end of eight months another house was opened, with thirty-six infant orphans. Nine months later a third house was opened for thirty orphan boys.

No one could read the biography of Muller by Fred G. Warne and believe the days of miracles are over. The God who helped Muller has helped all who have remembered the poor in their distress. The Home of Onesiphorus in China has in the past quarter of a century helped thousands of the orphan children of that land, and the Assemblies of God have numbers of native workers who were trained in that home.

Last but not least is the manner in which God has helped us in the building and maintaining of the Church of God orphan homes. Only twenty-two years

By Rev. F. R. Harrawood

ago, with a rented building and four orphan children, the work began and in that short space of time scores of boys and girls have been blessed and the influence of the training received in these homes has gone to every state in the Union as well as to other parts of our world.

As the Church grows, the responsibility becomes greater. More applications are coming and many are seeing the good work accomplished and are requesting that their children be placed in The Church of God Home, though they themselves were not members. A minister (of another denomination) who was recently appointed as pastor of a church near our Home was speaker at the chapel service at school and after service he remarked that the order was unusually good. The principal informed him that over half the pupils were from the Boys' Home. The minister drove to the Home and

after being shown through said to a business man of Cleveland, "I have changed my mind about The Church of God, I had never dreamed they were doing such a great work."

Word was recently received from an orphans home in Greece that was caring for three hundred and seventeen children, that food had been denied them by the Nazis and already two hundred children had died of starvation, possibly all are dead now. Let us thank God for a government that gives us the right to freedom of worship and the privilege of caring for those who have no mother to care for them, nor father to provide for them.



An 800-pound porker, raised on the Church of God Boys' Farm in 1939.



These are six of the younger lads of the Boys' Orphanage. They are, from left to right: Allen McGill of Georgia, Leonard Ward of North Carolina, Junior Dugan of Pennsylvania, Joe Anderson of North Carolina, Billy Stowe of North Carolina and C. W. Murphy of Georgia.

Three Kinds of Battle

First, we want to notice the delaying battle. "Delay" means "to defer, retard, stop, linger." "Defer" means "to yield to someone's opinion."

When we preachers are assigned to a church, the first thing we meet in some places is Brother and Sister Grumbler and all the children I Can't. They start right in bravely telling us that there is too much money being taken up there, saying, "You can't put the program over; it is too large anyway, and our people don't believe in foreign missions (and don't practice home missions), and we are all just too poor to subscribe for the Evangel."

Well, here the pastor has the picture of the church as Brother and Sister Grumbler and all the little I Can'ts see it. The battle of decision starts. The preacher, finally, and sometimes readily, agrees with this kind of people, and I have known of a few cases where the preacher starts such himself. Well "delay" means "defer," and "defer" means "to yield to someone else's opinion," so here is where the delaying battle starts.

"Retard" means "slow or slower." The church debt begins to come in slowly. Mission money comes in slowly. The tithes are slower, and only one or two Evangel subscriptions are coming to the entire church. There is not much money for the orphans. The preacher and the church are now fighting a delaying battle. He has yielded to the wrong opinions and everything has slowed up and is getting slower.

"Stop" means "to arrest the progress of something," so the progress of the church has been arrested. They haven't just quit; they get a dollar now and then,

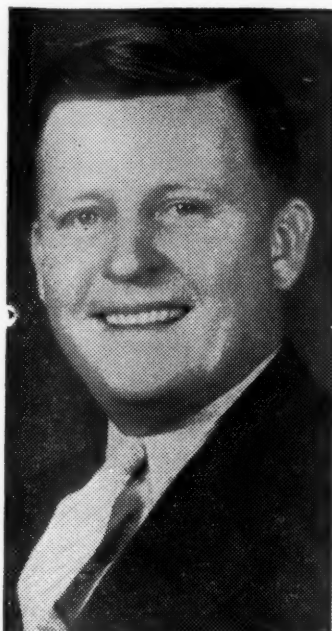
1. **Delaying Battle.**

2. **Defensive Battle.**

3. **Offensive Battle.**

Which are you fighting?

By Rev. H. R. Corley



then an Evangel subscription once in a while; but there is no progress. They are still fighting the delaying battle.

Now the word "linger" means "to remain long." The preacher has accepted

the wrong opinion. The church progress has been slowed up. They have stopped putting the program over. It is hard to raise enough money to keep the church light bill paid. So they fight on. The preacher is just lingering around, waiting for the Assembly to come. The district pastor or the overseer comes around and begins to ask why they haven't raised their quotas. Then they have to begin to try to defend themselves or to protect themselves, so they start fighting a defense battle.

The preacher and church that are on the offensive when the preacher takes up his new work, and Brother and Sister Grumbler come around and start. The preacher tells them quickly that it can be done, so he starts in and begins to give his dollar for missions; he subscribes for the Evangel, sends it to several people that are not getting it; gives in the orphanage offering, and the good people join him. So away the battle starts. You say, "Well, do they have any opposition?" Yes, they do; but they raise their mission quota, their Evangel quota, and send good offerings to the orphans. They do this in the face of all of them that say it can't be done. And this is what puts them on the offensive.

Then the preacher and the church go on the offensive with all of this. It brings the spirit of evangelism into the church and precious souls begin getting saved. But no church and pastor can be on the offensive without having the spirit of evangelism and no church and pastor can have the real spirit of evangelism without being on the offensive. Which battle are you fighting, delaying, defensive, or offensive?

Delkograms

D. H. DELK

GOD'S WAYS

This statement sounds odd, "Whosoever will save his life, will lose it," but "God's ways are not our ways;" "How unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out." His ways are vice versa to ours. When we miss His way, we hit trouble. Self trying to save self commits suicide.

"Who has deceived thee so often as thyself?" (Franklin)

Self-love is a mote in the eyes of many.

His way up is down: Self-exaltation is a fool's paradise. Humility is that low, sweet, and powerful root from which high and faithful Christians shoot.

Brother, sister, let's keep in mind that the good Book says in the last days folks will be HEADY (top heavy). Go down daily and you won't topple over so easily. Great trees need great roots.

We make speed by stopping: Stopping to pray, to omit or shorten daily devotions is foolish haste that will end in a downfall. I overheard these words on a bus, from hasty and impatient passengers: "I wonder if he (driver) will have to overhaul it here." Another says, "Too much delayed action here." A negro says, "Dis waitin' gits on my nerves."

The majority of our haste is folly in full bloom. Foolish haste is of the devil, and will trip, fetter, and stop us.

Abraham's servant made time to take time to make ten camels kneel for prayer. Some of us don't take time to have our family kneel for family prayer, which is a sure way to run into trouble. Wait on the Lord and renew your strength, and obtain good speed!

Luther used to say, "I have so much to do today, I will have to pray three hours."

Pray awhile, and get there sooner.

God's strength comes through weakness: Humble (afflict and weaken) yourselves by fasting and prayer, and you

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Answering the Mission Call

Our Trip Through Mexico

By Brother and Sister P. D. Hoggatt

Having said our last good-byes to our loved ones a few days before, and after traveling the entire width of the states of Oklahoma and Texas, we came to the international boundary between the United States and Mexico.

The United States Customs officers, after questioning us as to our belongings, allowed us to pass across the international bridge to the Mexican officials on the Mexico side. Here we had to unload our trailer and take the trunk and suitcases out of the car. After they had been inspected we reloaded and drove through the desert to Monterey where we spent our first night down Mexico way.

Leaving the desert behind at Monterey, we began to ascend into Mexico. The scenery changed from desert to foothills, from slopes to mountains, from sand and cacti to green grass and budding trees.

Into the Clouds

Up, up, up, eighty miles, nearly all of it in second gear, and most of it driven in the clouds. One was able to see only twelve or fifteen feet ahead of the car. Curve after curve until curve sickness came for the three of us. Before we were high enough to drive into the clouds we could see palm trees, orange orchards, banana groves, and grapefruit trees. There was fruit on the citrus fruit trees, but none on the bananas.

Completing a day's climb of 4,000 feet, we straightened out on the plateau eighty miles from Mexico City. Being able to increase our speed to nearly fifty miles per hour, we were soon able to see the lights of the city.

Mexico City

One finds many strange things in this city of gambling and bull fights. Everywhere could be seen the advertising of the national lottery, and hundreds of people, both men and women, were trying to sell the chances. We could see the need of a personal experience with Christ on every hand. After spending a day in search of the Archers (they had changed addresses several times), we drove up to their house as darkness was stealing over the city.

The Archers

Were surprised to see us, but gave us

a very friendly "Won't you come in and spend the night with us?" which we very gladly did, as we wished to know more about our Mexican headquarters. After a few minutes of hurried conversation, a room was fixed and Jane and John Henry retired for the night while I waited up to get acquainted with the native preachers who had gathered together for their monthly meeting with the Archers.

As we walked into the meeting room, we were met with the glory of God and the smiling faces of His children who had risen to their feet to greet us. These happy brothers and sisters of ours had the misfortune of having to listen to my first talk through an interpreter.

The beavers have nothing on the Archers. Having just returned from a trip they were tired, but only a few hours of sleep and then more work. We had planned on having the Archers help us with our traveling arrangements that morning but more workers came in from outposts with problems to solve and it was late afternoon before one of them could get away to help us. Sister Archer went with us while the brother worked on. At one of our stopping places, they gave us a message to return to the house immediately. It was then ten o'clock at night and we rushed back to find Brother Archer packed up and ready to go on an all-night drive and a day's ride on the train to help and comfort one of his pastors who had wired him of his wife's death. Tired and sleepy, yes; but away he went with a smile.

Bible School was soon to start and a few of the students were already there, and what fine boys and girls they are! May the Lord and you make it possible for hundreds more like these boys and girls to have the privilege to prepare themselves to work for Christ in their needy field of Mexico.

Next morning (Wednesday), we drove Sister Archer to a meeting with some of the natives of the city and we came back to the house and bade farewell to the students and the Archer children (fine children and workers for Jesus) and started on our journey to Vera Cruz, leaving the Archers with more work than

is humanly possible for them to do. If you feel the call of God to Mexico, they certainly can use you.

Our journey now was up where a snow-capped mountain stood in full view. Around and around we went, and up and up, driving in low gear a good portion of the time. Pack trains could be seen in the mountains—some of the burros having loads larger than themselves—also barefooted Indians with loads on their heads and backs, going to the pueblo to sell their wares—tropical plants, flowers, green vegetables, fruits, pottery, and baskets.

Vera Cruz

Dropping down from the mountains to sea level in a couple of hours was thrilling and our eyes filled with amazement as we saw the road run into what seemed to be an angry sea. The angry sea was only clouds and we were soon through them and looking over a beautiful ocean of blossoms. For miles and miles the tops of the blooming trees could be seen and then the steeples of the churches in Vera Cruz.

Here we loaded our car and trailer into a freight car to be shipped to Tapachula, Mexico. The highway from Mexico City to Tapachula is not completed. The next day we stepped aboard the train and were soon traveling along the ocean away from Vera Cruz. After a few minutes' run, we left the water and headed west across the neck of land that separates the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans.

On the Train

Jump, jerk, stop! For almost two days and nights and a half we took one of the roughest rides we ever took. The distance was only around four hundred miles, but you can see it was slower than the proverbial train through Arkansas by the time it took to make the distance. We stopped at every little village and at most of them the natives had lots of fruit and native food for sale. We bought some enchiladas from a native and found them very delicious. The Lord made it possible for the trip to not be too monotonous by providing some English-speaking people to keep us company and explain things we saw along the way. We especially enjoyed the company of Mr. Peters, an American land agent living in Mexico, and of Miss Hope Sheldon, a missionary returning to El Salvador after

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From the Office of Our Orphanage

J. D. Bright, Chairman

Dear Brother C—:

It gives me great pleasure to state that the Board has unanimously decided to receive B— into our Orphanage Home. You will please deliver the child to the Home on Monday, the 16th (February). Be sure that B— is registered by the Superintendent or Head Matron before you leave the Home.

An Answer to a Very Touching Appeal

Dear Sister D—:

I am very sorry that conditions of life have been so very unkind to you and your brothers and sisters, and I know that I express the sentiment of the Orphanage Committee when I say we wish we were able to help you, but according to the setup of the Home, the Committee has ruled that we cannot receive the children.

It might be that we would have a little better showing if it were not for the fact that your father married again and your stepmother is living. But since it is the duty of your father, as well as your stepmother, to provide a home for the children, we couldn't possibly accept them.

May the Lord bless you and your brothers and sisters.

Dear Sister C—:

You have been recommended to the Orphanage Committee as a prospective matron, in the event an opening should come; therefore, I am taking this privilege of sending to you a matron's application blank, which, if you feel interested in, you will show me the favor of filling out and returning at your convenience.

Matron's Application Blank

Chairman of the Church of God Orphanage Committee, Cleveland, Tenn.

Full name _____ Age _____
Address _____ Married _____
Husband living _____
Residing together _____
How many children _____
Are they self-supporting? _____
Are you a Church of God member? _____
Give pastor's name and address _____
Have you had experience in:
Sunday school work _____
State school work _____
Give reference _____

Hospital _____
Give reference _____
Orphanage _____
Give reference _____
Any other juvenile institution? _____
Give reference _____
Are you free from communicable diseases? _____
Will you carry out the rules and cooperate with your superiors? _____
What educational qualifications _____
If the Committee should decide that your work is inefficient, will you be agreeable to immediate release? _____
How soon can you report for work if you are selected? _____
Give two responsible persons as reference:
Name _____
Address _____
Name _____
Address _____

Another Pathetic Case

Dear Brother C—:

I assure you that I appreciate the interest you have manifested in the twelve-year-old boy, who seems to be in such a very unfortunate condition of life, but without the boy's father, even though he is an illegitimate father, is dead, the child does not come within the scope of our setup, and, therefore, we could not receive him. If the father is dead, you will please give me a line to this effect and I will be delighted to take further steps.

We Had To Say "No"

Dear Brother Bright:

I am writing to find out if you could arrange to let us have an Orphanage trio or quartet for about one week on our district. We would like to have them come over and be with us around April 3 to April 13.

Dear Brother J—:

I regret very much to have to disappoint you in respect to your plans to have one of our Orphanage quartets with you on your district in April, but due to the fact that the children will still be in school we feel that it would be unwise to arrange a visit to your district at that time.

I assure you that I deeply appreciate the interest you and your district are manifesting in our children here.

The Committee plans to have a representative group prepared in each Home to

visit churches and conventions when school is not in session, as early as convenient.

Dear Chairman:

I wrote you sometime ago about adopting a one-year-old baby girl from your home.

We have been married over nine years and can never have a baby of our own, so wish very much to adopt one soon.

We own the only cafe in G— and know we are financially able to care for one. We promise to give it at least a high school education and do our very best in every way for it.—Yours truly, Mrs. O. E.

(Perhaps you can help us to help two families at the same time.)

Dear Sister E—:

I assure you that I respect very highly your desire to adopt a one-year-old girl; however, the Committee doesn't feel that it would be wise for us to release a child from the Home in this age range. In fact, we haven't a child at present that young. We have a few children between two and four but don't feel that it would be the best thing for all concerned to release the children at that age.

The Committee does agree, however, to cooperate with you by referring applications of this requirement to you, in an effort to help you find the little girl that you would like to adopt.

If we can help you in this respect, you will please write me.

A Real Booster Seeking Further Information So As To Know How To Help Homes Best

Dear Brother Bright:

Attached hereto you will find a check for \$30.00 as payment for the folders of the Orphanage. They make money-raising for the Homes a "SNAP."

I closed a Y. P. E. and S. S. convention Sunday where almost \$250.00 was raised in cash, as well as other things for the Homes. All articles were new. Say, it was certainly a nice lot of goods, too. I plan to ship another large box in the near future.

I would appreciate an itemized list of the most needed and essential articles in the Homes. Texas has never contributed in a very great way to the Orphanage, but now they are beginning to do more and we are anxious to help.

Relative to quilts, some have said that they were not used in the Homes. We will have a few nice quilts (all new) in the next box. However, if the quilts are not used or can't be sold, we will not accept any more after this present box is shipped.

Your advice and suggestions on the above would certainly be appreciated at your earliest convenience.

Yours for God and His Church,
Vessie D. Hargrave,
State Y. P. E. and S. S. Supt. of Texas.

Dear Brother Hargrave:

Thanks a million for the \$30.00 check as payment for the folders of the Orphanage, which were sent to you a few weeks ago. I am highly pleased to know that the folders are making money-raising for the Homes a "snap" and I think that this is a very impressive way to state it.

The paragraph which states you raised \$250.00 in a District Y. P. E. and Sunday school convention gives me an inexpressible thrill. I also appreciate the further interest that is being manifested in the donation of goods. We will be expecting the box upon your notice. (The box has been received, valued at \$257.49.)

Now, in regards to my giving you an itemized statement of the articles that we need in the Homes most, I believe that at this time it would be better for all the states to center their efforts on cash drives so that we will be able to liquidate as much of the present debt, incurred by building the Boys' Home, as possible.

It is a fact that we don't need as many quilts as were formerly needed, while the boys were in their previous home, due to the fact that we now have a better heating system. However, if you can't sell the quilts that you already have, you may send them on and it may be that we can dispose of them for cash. But in the future it would be good for you to suggest that those who desire to contribute bedclothes donate sheets and bedspreads for single beds and pillowcases. These always come in handy.

In closing let me express the sentiment of the Committee by saying, The Lord's richest blessings be upon you and the good pastors, members and friends in the great state of Texas for the wholehearted interest that you are showing our boys and girls here.

Rocky Mount Dist. Y. P. E. and S. S. Convention Great Success

We wish to report a good convention that took place in Rocky Mount on the 14th and 15th of February. It was different from any convention I have ever attended in that God surely did come down in His wonderful love. It was one wave of glory after another.

Everyone seemed to be at his best in His service. Brother Ralph Williams, our state superintendent, was on fire for God and welcomed the Spirit of God to be manifested. He brought us some good instructions and wonderfully helped everyone. Brother Graham Stilwell, our district Y. P. E. superintendent, was also on the firing line. There were good messages brought by a number of our ministers.

When the offering for the orphans was taken, there was a great shower of God's love poured out upon the people and they began giving. When the offering was counted, we had \$201.14, for which we certainly do thank the Lord. This is by far the greatest offering ever taken on this district for anything. It is four times as great as our orphanage offering last year.

I believe everyone left the convention with a determination to do more in the future than we have in the past. Everyone esteemed our dear Brother Williams as being the man for the position he holds, so let us all pray for him.—Rev. P. H. McCarn.

Cookeville District S. S. and Y. P. E. Convention

The convention of the Sunday school and Young People's Endeavor of The Church of God for the Cookeville district, with Brother W. R. Wilbanks, of South Carolina, as district pastor, and Brother George Brazell as state superintendent, in charge, convened at Mt. Pleasant (country) February 28-March 1, inclusive. Rev. G. T. Corn, of South Carolina, is pastoring there this year. He welcomed everyone to his church.

We were happy to have Brother Brazell, for whom we are very thankful. He is a blessing everywhere he goes.

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YOU CAN HELP!



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done it unto one of
the least of these—ye
have done it unto Me."*

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CHURCH OF GOD ORPHANAGE, CLEVELAND, TENN.

Report From the Bahamas

Some few days past we had our convention, which was a great one, said to be the best we have ever had. All of the preachers seemed to be at their best, surely did some good preaching. The singing was good. In fact, all was fine for the Lord was with us in every service. There was shouting and praising the Lord throughout the convention.

We were blessed to have Brother Earl P. Paulk, Second Assistant General Overseer, and Brother Crank, of Miami, Fla., with us. Both did some of the best preaching I have ever heard. The people here are still talking about it. Brother Paulk came to the Free Town church and preached a week after the convention. The Word was given out and the results are yet being seen. Several have prayed through to victory and some have come into the church since he left. The wife in the home where he stayed while here has joined the church. Well, we will be looking for Brothers Paulk and Crank next year.

Since the convention we have visited some of the churches here in Nassau and have just returned from a trip to Abaco Island. The church at Green Turtle Cay was not doing so good. The devil is not dead yet and always works on the job, as well here as in the States. But, thank the Lord, God can work and none can hinder. We worked there with the folks two weeks and left them going good. All apparently are ready to work for the



W. E. RANEY, Overseer

Lord in this last drive, it seems. We are putting up reinforcements against the devil here.

We left Brothers Winston Sims and Kingbury Pinder at a new place, Marsh Harbor, and a telegram just received from them states that God is blessing. From there they will go to Manowar Cay; from there to Cherokee Sounds. The folks at these places are anxious for us to come to them with the gospel. I expect to go back that way to help the boys soon. Please pray for success at these

places.

We also have a good report from the south end of Andros Island from where Brother W. R. Franks has just returned after attending a convention there. He states that they had a good convention and that Brother Monroe, the district pastor is on the job and has two places about ready to set in order. Pray for Brother Monroe and his work. More good news comes from the north end of Cat Island from where Brother C. Poitier has just arrived. A message from him states good meetings. The worst news is that Brother Geo. Moss, of South Cat Island, is in bad health, and the work there is not doing so good, but we hope to have a new man there soon. Also, from other islands they are writing that they have gone to work and the outlook is good with them.

We want to thank the Mission Board for helping us with some extra funds and this help is placing a working spirit in the folks here. All seem ready to go and we are going. Praise the Lord.

Next week I will go to Eleuthera Island to spend some time there. I will visit some churches and during the last of my stay we will have a convention. From there we want to get to Harbor Island to try to help the church there. Also, we expect to work with the white folks there in a new place. We hope to stop off at Spanish Well to try to get a building in which to have a meeting later.

I will try to let you hear from us again soon. I hope to be able to give a greater report from the above mentioned new places.

Grateful For the Good Work Being Done

ALTO, Ga.—I thank the Lord for what He is to me; He is everything to me and without Him I do not know what I would do. I thank Him for full salvation. I am saved by His grace and determined to go on.

There are sixteen of us in the same ward sick with T. B. I am asking you to pray for us that the Lord may heal our bodies. We are readers of the Church of God Evangel and have enjoyed them very much. We are so thankful for our great white preacher, Rev. Lee Head, who is so good to come and preach for us here in the hospital. Since he has been coming here he has brought sixty-six souls to Christ. Oh, how we will ever love him. May God ever bless him wherever he goes; he has been a help to us here in the hospital. Also, he is so good as to give us your books to read. They help us so much. We are all a long way from home and our families but we are trusting in the Lord that we may soon return to our loved ones. May God ever

bless you; you will ever have our prayers and we need yours. My home is in Statesboro, Ga.—Mrs. John Willie Lanier, State Sanatorium (colored).

Thankful to the Lord

CONAWAY, Va.—I truly thank the Lord for what He is to me. I thank Him for the sweet Holy Ghost which still abides. Glory to God! I also thank the Lord for His healing power. He healed me of T. B. nine years ago. Praise God forevermore! He has healed me of several ailments.

We do not have a church here, just a few saints, only three with the Holy Ghost and four who do not have Him, but we are praying, hoping and trusting to have one soon. We are looking for the Lord to send us a good shepherd. We have services in my home. We get together and pray. Brother W. B. Vance, of Shell Creek, Tenn., was with us and preached a week. He surely is a man of God and preaches God's Word in its fulness. He is deep in the Scriptures. His preaching was uplifting to all of us and

we were greatly helped by it. Two professed to be sanctified, one is seeking to be sanctified and one to be saved. Everyone seemed to love Brother Vance. We would like to have him here to stay. I believe he could build up a church here. We are as sheep without a shepherd. We are hoping the Lord will send him back to hold a revival this summer.

The night before Brother Vance went away my son's baby was very sick. He came for us to pray for it. It had been vomiting ever since they went to bed. We had prayer for it and the Lord healed it. Praise His good name! Oh, it is so wonderful what the Lord can do for us if we will only trust Him. You dear saints pray for me that I will just go on and be a soul winner for the Lord. Praise God forevermore.—Mrs. W. J. Brown.

Many churches are dying with consumption. They consume all of their finance, all of their gifts and talents, all of their time petting or quarreling, sleeping or creeping, begging for blessings, until they are dead with consumption.

Requests

For Prayer

We receive many requests for the salvation of relatives, loved ones, and friends, also for urgent unspoken requests. There are so many of these requests it is impossible to publish them, but we ask that all take these to heart and earnestly pray that the Lord will answer prayer in their behalf. In order for requests to be published they must be signed.

Pray For

The healing of my body, I suffer with cancers and other ailments; my wife.—C. W. Stone, Baxley, Ga.

The healing of Sister Sherman Taylor who is in a serious condition with an ulcer or possibly cancer in her right side.—Dorothy Dunn, Gen. Del., Twila, Ky.

My husband to be healed and saved; he has been in the hospital since Feb. 10 with a growth in his bladder, for which he was operated on March 7.—Mrs. W. M. Asbury, Packsville, W. Va.

The healing of my body.—Mollie L. Wilson, Gen. Del., Blossom, Tex.

My baby girl who has something on her neck; my oldest daughter who is having trouble with her left side; my son who is in the army at Keesler Field, Miss.; my oldest boy who is badly afflicted.—Mrs. Ada Hunter, Rt. 1, Box 35, Haylow, Ga.

My body, as I have rheumatism.—Mrs. Davie Williams, Robbinsville, N. C.

The healing of a man of deafness and weakness of mind, also to be delivered from the habit of gambling; a man who has his back broken and is in the Natchez, Miss., hospital; the salvation of them both.—A friend, Jonesville, La.

My brother to be healed of T. B.; my baby to be healed, she is sixteen months old and can't walk.—Mrs. Lillian Knight, Dora, Ala.

The healing of my right side which has been bothering me for three years. I also have a goitre and bad nerves.—Mrs. Mary Maser, Rt. 3, Madisonville, Tenn.

Bill Patterson to be healed of kidney trouble, also saved; his baby to be healed of head trouble; my sister who can't walk; me to be completely healed.—Mrs. J. D. Hudson, Rt. 2, Blue Ridge, Ga.

The healing of my body as I have been afflicted a long time.—Mrs. Lizzie Zanotti, Box 163, Johnston City, Ill.

My healing, I have been bedfast four years with T. B.; my husband who is badly afflicted with a nervous breakdown and not able to work.—Mahala Mosley, War Branch, Ky.

My complete healing, I have gallstones, heart trouble, kidney trouble, and rheumatism; my boy who is very sick with ulcerated stomach and heart trouble, has no blood, can't eat anything but sweet milk and graham crackers, to be healed and saved.—Annie Lee Harris, Star Route, Cascilla, Miss.

The healing of my baby.—Mrs. Maud Hartford, Carriers Mills, Ill.

A very urgent request.—Mr. and Mrs. J. Artis Jones, Lavana, Ga.

My baby who had polio last summer and is paralyzed in body and legs and can't raise her head or legs; my husband to be saved.—Mrs. M. A. Robinson, Dora, Ala.

The Lord to heal my body.—Martha Sutherland, Double Springs, Ala.

The complete healing of my body; my loved ones to be saved; special unspoken request.—Mrs. Lela Davis, Rt. 2, Calhoun, Ga.

The healing of my mother's side and body; my father to be healed of high blood pressure. Their address is Mr. and Mrs. I. R. Pearson, Box 766, Edinburg, Tex.—Mrs. C. M. Hull, Rt. 1, c/o L. D. McReary, Millsap, Texas.

Sister Dortha Cox and her children. She was in a bad storm yesterday and got her leg and arm broken and the little boy got his arm and leg broken, but the little girl didn't get hurt so badly. She is in the hospital at Corinth.—Mrs. Dee Francis Smith, Rt. 1, Selmer, Tenn.

God to undertake for me and my home. Pray that God will save my hus-

band and I will receive the Holy Ghost; the healing of my mother-in-law who is in the hospital.—Mrs. Mamie Cunningham, Monroe, Mich.

The complete healing of my stomach of gastric hyperacidity and another severe ailment and that I will get closer to the Lord.—Mrs. Lora Scarberry, Murphy, Miss.

My father to be healed; my brother who has been sick about four years to be healed; my healing.—Miss Minnie Richard, Williamstown, W. Va.

The healing of my family. We were in a car wreck and got bruised up, especially pray for my baby boy who got his eye put out that his sight will be restored. Pray that I will be reclaimed.—James E. Brown, Rt. 1, Graymont, Ga.

The healing of my family; we all have the flu. My mother-in-law to be saved and healed.—Marie Lewis, Baxter, Tenn.

The healing of my daughter's body, Mrs. C. O. Roberts, Greenville, Miss.—A sister, McCall, Miss.

My two children to be healed, also my husband to be healed and saved.—Mrs. Dorothy Bunton, Rt. 2, Hattiesburg, Miss.

God put it on someone's heart the need for an old-fashioned revival and a Church of God in Harlingen; very good prospects with my full cooperation.—Sister Ruth Duncan, Harlingen, Tex.

The healing of my body; I am unable to work. Pray for my brother in the army.—Ruth Olson, Rt. 1, Box 25, Detroit Lakes, Minn.

God to heal me of an awful nervous trouble.—Mrs. Merle Auten, Adrian, Mich.

The healing of my body; my family.—Mrs. Jewel Pruitt, Star Rt. 2, Muleshoe, Tex.

The healing of my body.—Jennie Carter, Rt. 1, Box 12, Granville, Tenn.

The healing of my sister, Mrs. Bradley Taylor, who is in the hospital in Columbus, Ga., in a serious condition.—Helen Lane, Mauk, Ga.

An important request.—J. L. Sanders, Box 927, Athens, Ga.

Jesus to touch my body.—Eleanor Rishovd, Minot, N. Dak.

My family. Our oldest daughter who took the flu in January and still coughs and has a very sore leg and is in a run-down condition. Our oldest son and youngest daughter who have very bad coughs.—Mrs. Charles Warney, Star

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REPORTS

Corbin, Ky., Dist. Convention

The first annual district convention this year in Kentucky, which convened at Middlesboro Feb. 27-March 1, was a great success. Despite the bad weather, large crowds attended each service, and, above all, the power of the Lord was surely there. Old time singing, shouting and preaching took place, blessing the people.

The speakers during the convention were Rev. Edd Cox, who drove one hundred and seventy-five miles to speak, Levi Henson, B. H. Enix, R. L. Lipps, G. L. Cravens, Ed Denham, state Y. P. E. and Sunday school superintendent, and Brother Milligan. W. B. Webb is district pastor.

On Sunday morning our state overseer, Brother Milligan, preached on the "Mission of the Church." Then the mission offering was taken which was \$380.30. How we praised the Lord for this wonderful offering! Last year Corbin district convention offering was only \$73.52, making an increase of \$301.78 for this year.

We, the Church of God in Kentucky, praise the Lord for sending us such a wonderful state overseer as Brother Milligan. He has the love, appreciation and cooperation of the pastors, members and workers. So watch out for us, Kentucky is coming over the top!—Mrs. Ed Denham, clerk of Corbin district convention, Box 240, Somerset, Ky.

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ORLAND, Maine.—We were happy to welcome our people to our fellowship meeting at Orland, Maine. At the beginning of our service we enjoyed serving our God through the medium of prayer and praise. Brother Brinsfield read from the Scripture relating the beauty of heaven and gave an inspiring message of hope and peace of the coming of our Lord. Our state overseer then made an encouraging report on the work in the New England States. We thank God that he has organized for us a new church and has an outlook for another in a new state.

Our afternoon services continued with the same sweet fellowship and at this time we had two fine messages by Brother C. Clark, of Detroit, Michigan, and Sister Justin, pastor at Augusta, Me. Sister Justin spoke on "Our Walk Through Life With God." Time was given to the saints to testify to the glory of God. At our evening service Brother Brinsfield spoke on "The Three Subjects in God's Grace: The Jew, the Gentile, the Church of God." We praise God for the privi-

lege of having a message such as this. I am sure we were all helped and have a clearer understanding of the value of the Church of God. Pray for us.—Brother G. M. Searles.

Selman City, Tex., Dist. Convention

This district convention convened in Selman City, Texas, Feb. 20-22. The Lord was our welcome guest. Our pastor, Brother C. H. Gardner, gave the welcome address. Sister T. W. Godwin gave the response. Our state overseer, Brother T. W. Godwin, was in charge.

On Friday night Brother Tim Lightfoot gave a sermonette on "The Holy Ghost." Brother T. W. Godwin preached on "The Church and Its Benefits." Saturday morning Brother Jim Hall preached on "Sacrificial Preaching." Saturday night Brother J. A. Ketchum's sermonette was a "Religious Defense." Brother Godwin preached on "Our First Line of Defense, Faith in God." Sunday morning Brother C. H. Stephens talked on Sunday school. Brother Godwin preached on "Christian Obligation."

The orphanage offering Friday night was \$19.01, overseer's offering Saturday night, \$11.25; mission offering Sunday morning \$68.00.

Meadors Quartet and Sister Helen Toler rendered special songs. — Sister Luther Green, convention clerk, Rt. 1, Overton, Tex.

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CATLETTSBURG, Ky. — I truly praise the Lord for His wonderful love which unites His people.

We had a good district fellowship meeting here. Each church on the district was represented. All pastors gave a fine report of their work. God surely blessed wonderfully. We covet your prayers, for we want to go over the top for Jesus and be ready to go when He comes or calls.—Elike Coffey, clerk.

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Requests

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Route, Sandpoint, Idaho.

—R—
The healing of Mary Griggs who is seriously ill from a stroke of paralysis and unable to talk.—Rosa Ralph, Pittsburg, Kans.

—R—
The healing of my body; I am so weak.—Mrs. Bell Painter, Newberry, Fla.

—R—
My invalid daughter. I am a shut-in seventy-two years old and weighed down with trouble. Pray that I will be saved.—Mrs. E. M. Hervey, 1515 Park Ave., Parkersburg, W. Va.

The healing of my body.—Mrs. Eulia Hooten, 112 E. National, Harrisburg. Ill.

—R—
Sister Lizzie Ramsey's son who has recently had an operation on his head.—Emmaline White, 6th St., Cookeville, Tenn.

—R—
My body to be healed.—L. C. Evans, Leaf, Miss.

—R—
Mrs. W. A. Smith, of Grant, Ala., who swallowed a chicken bone twelve years ago and a gristle has formed over it and is pushing her heart to one side. She now has bad spells with her heart.—L. D. Burton, Larkinsville, Ala.

—R—
My daughter who is in a rundown condition with low blood pressure and other ailments with which she suffers lots.—Mrs. Young Thurman, Rt. 1, Pikeville, Tenn.

—R—
My healing; I have bad stomach trouble. My husband who is in the army to be saved; his mind is bad at times.—Mrs. Clayton Goins, Rt. 1, Pikeville, Tenn.

—R—
Our baby who has been given up by all doctors.—Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Friddell, 3208 N. Chamberlain Ave., E. Chattanooga.

—R—
The healing of James Dilts of a goitre; my mother to be healed of something which is developing into a cancer. Their address is James Dilts, 32d and Haymaker Sts., Marion Ind.; my sister, husband and brother; my eyes, one has an ulcer or cataract on it.—Mrs. Elizabeth Bishop, Broadhead, Ky.

—R—
My granddaughter to be healed and saved; my backslidden children.—Mrs. L. A. Brinkley, Rt. 2, Box 188, Waycross, Ga.

—R—
A sister's body to be healed.—Maudy Norton, Carrollton, Ga.

—R—
My body, I have a dislocated joint in my back and have suffered for years.—Nona Hudson, Lynchburg, Va.

—R—
The healing of my body.—Lee S. Swinford, Rt. 4, Fayetteville, Tenn.

—R—
My grandson who is near-sighted.—Mrs. L. A. Chitwood, Lavonia, Ga.

—R—
The complete healing of my body; loved ones to be saved.—Mrs. Claude Richardson, Rt. 1, Trion, Ga.

—R—
My body, I have head trouble.—James K. Moore, Anadarko, Okla.

—R—
Mrs. Allison, of Andrews, N. C., who is very ill.—Mrs. George Huston, 228 E. 96th St., New York, N. Y.

—R—
My husband's body to be healed, he has high blood pressure.—Mrs. A. J. Montgomery, Mauk, Ga.

REVIVALS OF INTEREST

LEADWOOD, Mo. — We have just closed a very successful revival here. Twenty-three were saved, eight sanctified, three filled with the Holy Ghost and thirteen added to the church. The timely messages of our evangelist. Rev. J. L. Goins, were enjoyed and appreciated by all. The presence of the Holy Ghost was in every service in conviction and many a good seed was sown that, I believe, will reap a golden harvest.—Rev. D. A. Biggs, pastor.

BEDICO, La.—I am glad I can say a few words of praise to the dear Lord. I praise the Lord for the Holy Ghost and fire right now as it is being poured deep down in my soul. We have just closed a week and two days' revival. The saints got revived and one sister received the Holy Ghost. Several were saved and during the meeting the Lord surely touched my body. I had been afflicted in my body for eight years, but God has kept me up until this present time. I am getting better but am not completely healed. To everyone who prayed for me, I feel that God has surely heard your prayers. I am lots better than I have been in eight years. Thanks be to God! But my lungs and side still give me trouble. Please pray for me.

As the weather has been bad here we can't have services like we would like to, but Louisiana, don't go to sleep, wake up. Let your pastor know that you love him by your cooperation. We surely are proud of our new pastor, Brother George Hemphill, as God blesses in every sermon he preaches. We believe he is a man of God. Pray for this place as we have so many young people who need God.—Ella B. Perilloux.

BIG STONE GAP, Va. — We have just closed a revival at the Church of God at Appalachia, Va., with Sister Bessie Puckett doing the preaching. She will pastor the church here for the remaining part of the year. We appreciate the blessings of God in this revival. The church was revived and a great revival spirit came into our midst. There were seventeen saved, nine sanctified, three filled with the Holy Ghost, and ten added to the church.

In spite of the bad weather, we are still having good attendance. The Sunday school is going fine and increasing. We expect, by the help of the Lord, to be on the honor roll even though we did get a late start. Pray for us.—Bessie Puckett, pastor.

BRISTOL, Tenn.—Amid the worst

part of the winter God has blessed the church here with a good revival. We truly praise the Lord for His great blessings and what has been accomplished. Brother Mortenson, the evangelist, was in charge. He certainly did some fine preaching and singing that brought shouts in the camp. The revival closed Sunday night, March 8, with twenty-seven saved, six sanctified, two filled with the Holy Ghost, and four added to the church.

Brother Mortenson has gone to Charlotte, N. C., for a revival. May the Lord bless his labor there.

We also praise the Lord for our good pastor, Rev. J. W. Maness. We all love him; he is full of zeal and wants to put things over the top for the Lord, and does put things over. Pray for one another.—Dale S. Little, clerk.

WALTERBORO, S. C.—As a result of our revival four claimed to be saved, one added to the church. We had good services. Brother and Sister Hanvey are so good to work with and the Hanvey Trio is real good. Please pray for the work at Walterboro as it is small. My address is Oakwood, Va.—W. I. Bass, district pastor.

SWEETWATER, Texas.—God is still blessing here at Sweetwater. We thank God for sending us an overseer like Brother T. W. Godwin. He means so much to the state of Texas and we all love him.

We have just closed a revival with Rev. and Mrs. G. G. Asher doing the preaching. Two were filled with the Holy Ghost, three saved, two sanctified and one added to the church.—F. C. Dozier, pastor.

FREEBURN, Ky.—"The Lord is my shepherd. I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures." Psalms 23:1. Well, I feel like I have been in a good green pasture for a while and my soul is full and running over.

We are in a real good revival here at Freeburn, Ky., with Rev. W. B. Stone as evangelist. Twenty have been saved so far and the altar full crying out to God, twelve sanctified and eleven filled with the Holy Ghost. Praise the Lord! Eight received the Holy Ghost Saturday night and then you know I am in the green pasture where clover, alfalfa and all things which are good grow. I don't know when our revival will close. We let God start it and we want Him to say when it is enough. We have large crowds and lots of people interested and looking this way. We have a fine Sun-

day school. There were a hundred and eighty-eight last Sunday. Come be with us, we will do you good. We have a nice Y. P. E., for which we thank the Lord, and we have some of as fine people to work with as we ever worked with. They are loyal in every way. I thank God for them. Everybody is so good to us. Well, I want to see God's work go on, don't you? Come on then, let's put God's program over, pay our tithes, give offerings, for this is God's way of supporting and running His Church; and then buy stamps and bonds to help the U. S. A. win the war so we can always have our freedom of worship. Pray for us.—Sam Holcomb, pastor, Box 3.

MORGANTOWN, Miss. — We have just closed a revival with Rev. Clyde C. Cox, our state overseer, in charge. The Lord blessed in a wonderful way; each message was food to our souls. Brother Cox did some wonderful preaching and God witnessed through him the mighty power of God. On Sunday we had services until one o'clock and by the help of Brother Cox we raised our \$1.00 per member for missions. They said it couldn't be done, but praise the Lord, Morgantown is over the top with everything. The young people of our Y. P. E. raised money and bought a new piano and we surely praise God for our young people. We are having our district convention here at Morgantown March 20-22. Come and be with us. Pray that we will have a great year in the Lord.—Mrs. B. M. Woolwine.

N. CHARLESTON, S. C.—A wonderful and glorious spiritual revival was conducted by Brothers L. J. Stone and W. P. Gosnell. The meeting was held for three weeks. Nine were saved, four sanctified, five filled with the Holy Ghost and three added to the church. God poured out His blessings in every service. One man testified that the Spirit of God had not dealt with him in thirty years. He was saved. We are expecting great things to happen here as God is giving us favor with the people of many walks of life. We thank God for a revival like this. We also thank God for a good and faithful pastor and wife, Brother and Sister H. F. Douglas. With God's help and their work we have a church almost completed here at N. Charleston. May God bless them in every effort they put forth for the Lord. We really love and appreciate them. Pray for us to continue working for lost souls until Jesus comes.—Mrs. Mary L. Roberts, clerk.

ANSWERING THE MISSION CALL

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furlough in the United States. Miss Sheldon is a missionary for the Central American Mission Society.

One of the most pitiful sights that we saw during the train ride was some little children with very protruding abdomens. On questioning Miss Sheldon, she informed me that the children had worms—an ailment very prevalent in tropical countries, especially where sanitary conditions are very poor.

Late in the afternoon of the second day on the train we were permitted to catch glimpses of the Pacific Ocean. It was about midnight when our train pulled into Tapachula—about eight hours later than it was due. We were very tired and rested well in spite of the fact that the hotel beds were very poor and the room far from modern. Our meals were included in the price of the hotel and the next morning we were pleasantly surprised to find the meals served were excellent and the dining room neat and clean. The good food and reasonable prices made up for what the hotel lacked in being modern and altogether our stay there, for four and one-half days, while waiting for our car to arrive, was very pleasant.

During our stay at Tapachula we became rested from our long trip and were very pleased when we found out the car and trailer had arrived.

A few minutes' drive from Tapachula down a banana lane and we were at the Mexican Customs House and looking across the pretty little bridge to Guatemala, the land where God had called and led us.

Pure Religion

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made possible by our Church of God Orphanage, then you understand the meaning of Job. 29:12, 13.

Mothers don't ask for homes for their children in institutions just because they desire to shift their responsibility on someone else. They are willing to sacrifice the pleasure of being with their little ones that they might have the comforts that they can't afford, being left alone in this sinful world to guide their little feet in the right path. What a comforts that they can't afford, being left little ones good-night and tuck them in bed with that feeling that they are warm and well cared for. If they are feverish and sick, mother's love causes her to arise from bed, give them water, smooth their pillows, and turning their little bodies in some comfortable position. Many precious mothers that would do all this and even more, have been called away and their little ones have no one to do this for them. Let us take this on our-

selves, to provide loving hands to soothe the feverish brows of these precious children.

Cookeville District S. S. and Y. P. E. Convention

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We were privileged to have with us on Saturday night Sister Stark, returned missionary from Africa, along with the Gospel Quartet from the Church of God Bible School at Sevierville, Tennessee. Among the quartet was Sister Annie Kilgore's daughter, Marie, of Silver Point. We are happy to know that our pastor's daughter is attending the Bible School.

Our convention began and ended with the presence of the Lord in our midst.

Saturday Sister Cora Brown and Rev. G. T. Corn, of Mt. Pleasant, spoke to the convention. Saturday night Sister Stark spoke, followed by Brother Brazell's message.

Eleven-thirty Sunday morning was the time of the setting in the story of our greatest Sunday school and Young People's Endeavor convention that this district ever witnessed. The time came when we listened eagerly to the message Brother Brazell delivered to us regarding the orphans. Pocketbooks were opened at the time the request for the offering was made. Members, sinners and friends to the church gave liberally to the cause spoken about. One lady took \$25.00 to the convention. Mrs. Marvin H. White of Cookeville had not failed to work continually from the time the state superintendent had visited the home of the Whites in January until the convention, making and selling aprons, also selling candy. After being awarded the prize of the subscription to The Lighted Pathway for one year, Mrs. White in turn requested that the amount of the cost of the subscription be placed in the original offering. Other of the churches on the district were represented by an offering, swelling the total offering to \$56.05.

After our morning service, we ate from a good dinner spread inside the church. If you are ever on the Cookeville district and get hungry, don't think that if you go to the Mt. Pleasant church but what they will feed you well. God bless those dear people down there.

The afternoon was spent in much praise and glory toward God. Every speaker was inspired to deliver his message to his audience, thus paving a way for the follow-up speaker.

Dear Church of God, let's pray for the future interest of The Church of God in Cookeville. This place needs more of the favor of the Lord. We realize everyone is requesting prayer, but please pray a special prayer for this place, also for

my brother, Albert White, 21st Recon. Sq., Tampa, Florida, who is in the United States Army Service in the biggest bombing place in the Air Corps.—Evangelist Emmaline White, district superintendent, Cookeville, Tenn.

Delkograms

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will become strong, "strong in the Lord and in the power of his might." Our weakness helps God more than our strength; our strength gets in His way. Peter's might with a sword did not please Christ, but after he repented, wilted, and wept, he became a spiritual giant.

"When I am weak then I am strong."

It's high time to voluntarily perish the outward man some, so our inner man can survive, revive, rise and slay the Goliaths.

Oh, I must stop and say, praise God. Folks, I honestly believe God wants us to contend for the faith once delivered to the saints, for that faith will cause us to rise out of obscurity and weakness, and fight a good fight. Come down so you can go up. Stop so you can keep going. Become weak for strength. Become a fool for wisdom, and get poor that you might get rich. O Lord, help me to be the clay and let you be the potter.

REPORTS

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Revival and District Convention

JESUP, Ga.—We are truly praising the Lord for the way He has blessed in our revival and district convention.

Brother Muncy, our state Y. P. E. and Sunday school superintendent, began a revival here Feb. 12 which ran until Feb. 22, with our convention, or at least his part. The revival is still going and in spite of the rain and cold every night the altar is full of hungry souls pouring out their hearts to God and He is answering prayer by saving. We appreciate Brother Muncy and feel that our church was blessed in having him these ten days, during which time thirteen were saved, seven sanctified and seven filled with the Holy Ghost. Since he left, the meeting is still going and five have been saved, nine sanctified, and last Sunday five were filled with the Holy Ghost. We had grave services and we certainly felt the effects of it Sunday night. God's Word says when Zion travails sons and daughters are born. I feel that is the need of the hour, that the Church might travail in prayer that sons and daughters be born into the kingdom of God.

Our orphanage offering was \$53.33 and the mission offering was \$15 in our district convention. We desire your prayers.—Mrs. M. B. Norris, Box 335.

Weekly Question Box

Question: Please explain in the Evangel Question Box Mal. 4:1-3 and state whether the writer was speaking of man burning fleshly or spiritually. Verse 3 leaves the impression that the wicked shall be destroyed wholly, that is that their punishment will just last so long as it takes to burn up and become ashes.—E. D. B.

Answer: Let us read the scripture referred to. Verse 1, "For, behold, the day cometh, that shall burn as an oven; and all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly, shall be stubble: and the day that cometh shall burn them up, saith the Lord of hosts, and it shall leave them neither root nor branch." This verse gives a prophecy of the day of the Lord, the preparation for the great and glorious day of the Lord which we commonly call the millennium. The prophecy is of Armageddon, or the results of Armageddon, which will leave neither root nor branch of the wicked upon the earth, that is of the antichrist and his hordes that follow him.

Verse 2 portrays the coming of Christ: "But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healings in his wings; and ye shall go forth, and grow up as calves of the stall." This shows the blessed state of men when all evil and wickedness has been put down, and Satan who has deceived all nations is bound and cast into the pit.

Now for verse 3, "And ye shall tread down the wicked; for they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet in the day that I shall do this, saith the Lord of hosts." The righteous shall so completely triumph over the wicked until all that remains visible of the wicked are the ashes of their burned bodies which are left from the consummation of battle and the raining of fire and brimstone in the battle of Armageddon. Nothing of man could burn except that which is fleshly. The spirit does not burn up. The word "spirit" comes from the word "pneuma" and means "like air or breath." Thus the spirit continues to live. It does not burn. It is the soul of man that lives on, and the soul of man which shall enjoy eternal bliss or suffer the pangs of torment.

Question: Jesus says to the apostles, "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." I notice that there are many who

claim to have the Holy Ghost who do not have that power. The only power they have seems to be to shout, with no miracles at all. What power do you think He was speaking of?—S. A. K.

Answer: Nothing is said in Acts 1:8 about miracles and nothing is said about what there would be power to do, any more than to witness the gospel of Christ. Jesus did say, "Ye shall receive power." The Holy Ghost Himself will bring power and any one who has Him has the power of God. We, as recipients of the power of God, are channels through which He may work, but the 8th verse referred to is certainly a prediction of evangelism, that when the Holy Ghost is come He will furnish power, a power which will take the gospel to Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and finally to the uttermost parts of the earth. So far as the then known world was concerned, the gospel of the Son of God was carried by the apostles and those who became disciples as they received the gospel in response to their ministry. The gospel itself is the power of God because it carries the message which will transform the lives of men and women from children of the devil to children of God, and such a transformation is within itself a miracle.

Question: Will you please explain these two scriptures which seem to contradict one another: Gen. 22:1 and James 1:13?—H. B. S.

Answer: To begin with, it is not the purpose of this column to prove to those who doubt the Word of God to be His inspired message to man. It takes faith to believe in God, to believe in Jesus Christ His Son, and to believe that the Bible is the infallible Word of God. Without faith it is impossible to please God, however we are glad to help in any way we can those who with an honest heart are sincerely seeking to know more of the truth as revealed in God's Word.

The scriptures referred to are as follows: Gen. 22:1, "And it came to pass after these things, that God did tempt Abraham," etc. The other one, James 1:13, reads, "Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man." The word "tempt" comes from the Hebrew word "bawkhan" and the Greek, "piradzo," both meaning "to test or try." The word is used in different senses, not always involving an evil purpose as an inducement to sin. In the case of Gen. 22:1,

"God did tempt Abraham," there was no inducement to sin but rather that God tried Abraham, that He might prove him as His servant. The purpose was for good and not for evil. In the case of James 1:13 the entire setting is that of evil as the 14th verse shows: "But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed." Thus it is evil temptation that God cannot bring. Such comes from Satan.

Deaths

MASON

Sister Dixie Ann Mason, wife of Brother George W. Mason, was born August, 1874, and passed away March 6, 1942. She was sixty-seven years old and a devoted Christian and member of the Church of God. We thank all for their kindness shown us during the illness and death of our wife and mother.—George Mason and family, Bald Knob, Ark.

CARTER

Sister Rose Carter, a faithful member of the Church of God, went to be with Jesus Feb. 23, 1942. She was thirty years old.—Mrs. Rah Sipes, Lenoir, N. C.

EMERSON

G. W. Emerson, faithful attendant of the Church of God at Paris, Texas, went to be with Jesus March 3, 1942, at the age of seventy-two years, eleven months and twenty-seven days.—One who loved him dearly, his daughter, Mrs. Jesse Warren, 148 N. 18th, Paris, Texas.

KIRK

Brother Martin Kirk, a member of the Church of God at Barnabus, W. Va., departed this life March 5, 1942, at the age of fifty-nine years.—Willie Carpenter, clerk, Barnabus, W. Va.

CROCKER

The death angel visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Talmage Crocker and took their little boy, four years, four months and two days old. Pray for the family.—Mrs. J. B. Greenlee, his grandmother, Shaw, Miss.

Revival

GREENSBORO, N. C.—I thank God for the four weeks' revival which just closed last Sunday night. Brother Charles W. Conn did the preaching. Pray for our good pastor, Brother John L. Stephens. Pray for my brother to be saved. Also pray that my husband will receive the Holy Ghost.—Mrs. Iler Godwin, 1415 Fairview St., Prox.

Church of God Orphan Girl Weds Young Minister



Just after the ceremony was performed for Marshall Edward Roberson, of Cleveland, Tennessee, and Mary Francis Lacquey, of the Church of God Orphanage. The group from left to right are: Rev. D. B. Yow, Eugene Miller, Willard Tanner, Marshall Edward Roberson, Mary Francis Lacquey, Rev. E. L. Simmons, Miss Beulah Edwards, and Miss Lillie Mitchell.

There have been several weddings from the Church of God Orphanage but so far as we know this is the first church wedding.

Miss Mary Francis Lacquey was born in Branford, Florida, and her father died there when she was five years of age. Her little sister, Esther, could barely crawl. They moved to Lakeland, Florida, where at the age of eight Mary's mother died, and on her deathbed made the request that her little girls be taken to the Church of God Orphanage. With the assistance of Rev. R. E. Drymon, pastor of the Church of God at Lakeland, who preached the funeral of the mother who was a member of the Church of God at that place, the children were admitted into the Church of God Orphanage. Both of the girls showed remarkable intellect and were very nice. Their presence in the Home added to it in most every respect.

Mary has grown up in the Home as a Church of God girl. At an early age she showed a remarkable talent for singing and sung the part of tenor with the Number One Girls' Trio for several years. Her marriage to Marshall Edward Roberson, also a member of the Church of God in Cleveland, was a very colorful incident. The wedding took place at the North Cleveland Church of God and the ceremony was performed by Rev. D. B. Yow, pastor of the church there. The bride was given away by Rev. E. L. Simmons, Chairman of the Orphanage Committee. The other two young ladies in the picture are both Church of God Orphanage girls and were the other two completing the Orphanage Trio Number One. While Cupid did no bad piece of work in the union of Marshall Edward Roberson and Mary Francis Lacquey, he did tear seriously into the Number One Trio which had been quite a sensation everywhere it travelled. The prayer of Miss Mitchell and Miss Edwards is that God will wonderfully bless the member of their trio which has been taken away from them by matrimony, and that God will give them another who will be able to fill that place.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Since the above was written Miss Mitchell has been happily married to Raymond Ashcraft, of Baltimore, Maryland, and if Cupid is successful Miss Beulah Faye Edwards may soon sail the matrimonial seas.
